

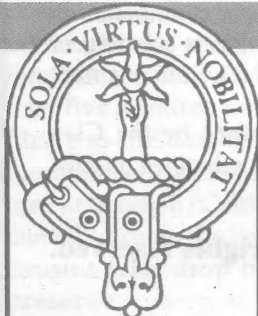
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Wee Henderson warriors in training and a visit to the Henderson Stone in Glencoe, Scotland.

Henderson, Nevada Site of the Next Las Vegas Highland Games Hendersons Are Honored Clan

We've been advised by the event organizers that the next Las Vegas Highland Games are to be held in Henderson, Nevada, at the request of the town fathers of that city. In view of the town being named for one of our cousin ancestors, the organizers have asked that we be their Honored Clan for this first event which will be held the weekend of 23-25 April. [This is a change from the previous announcement and will be in our favor.] This is a televised event with a parade on Saturday. The parade will end at the event site. They are expecting many spectators. Our Chieftain and High Commissioner, David Simmons Henderson, will be the Honored Guest of the event. This is a singular honor for the members of the Clan Society, especially with it being the first Highland Games held in Henderson and it is anticipated there will be a good sized presence from the Society. Our two California Conveners, Suzanne Henderson Emerson of San Carlos and Joe Henderson of Long Beach may now be able to make the event. Others who are planning to be in Henderson are our Clan Chaplain, C. Frederick Sanford; the Head of the Bodyguard,

Steve Carter; the Clan Piper, John Bergquist; and Pat Maddox. We hope that many clan members will make plans to attend.

We currently know there will be special lodging available at much reduced rates for members of the Clan and several special events. The organizers are planning a reception and ceilidh on Friday, the 23rd and a parade on Saturday. The usual activities associated with an event of this type will be held during Saturday and Sunday and will include pipe band contests, highland dancing competitions and athletics. It is hoped that our Henderson dancers, pipers, athletes and others of great talent will attend and show the talent coming from California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah just how well the Hendersons can perform.

We will be contacting the event organizers on a continuing basis to determine additional information and will pass whatever is learned on to all of our members. However, if you should desire to make your own arrangements for lodging, tickets, etc., please contact: Cely I. McLendon-Kazanowski at (702) 433-2637 or vantienen@netzero.net.

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It is a "Round To It!"

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President's Message

by Rex A. Maddox



Beginning the fourth year as your President, I feel that I must pause to reflect on some of the events which have taken place during the past three years (could it possibly be that long?) and how they have affected our position as a Clan Society. Of course, the great event that has taken place is the growth in membership with over 3200 families and individuals now on the rolls. We have gained over five hundred memberships during the past three years! I have to attribute this great gain to the activities of many of our members who volunteer to set up and run the Henderson tent at Scottish/Celtic events around the country and their contribution to the Society by meeting and talking with their cousins who drop by the tent. We are now making our presence known at more events than ever before, with conveners seemingly "coming out of the woods" to help us in our quest to make contact with cousins everywhere. It's no wonder that we are now known as the fastest growing Clan in the USA!

currently serving will be replaced or requested to continue in their present jobs. I will appoint a search committee in the next month and ask that they provide you with a slate to serve as the officers of the society for the next two years. You may expect their report to be published in the summer issue of this newsletter and we will follow this occasion with the election in October. The new officers will assume their offices at the first of the new year and will lead the society to bigger and better things with their expertise. I will serve a term as the immediate past President and expect to remain an active member of the Clan and Society. I must admit I have a great pride in going to events where I can say, to anyone within earshot—

"The Hendersons Are Here!"



And the Secretary Says

We have been very fortunate to have had society officers who have continually performed in an outstanding manner, whether it be as a vice president, bard, head of the bodyguard, or Editor of this newsletter. Our new Webmaster, David Henderson deserves to be recognized for his efforts in establishing the new *ClanHendersonUSA.org* website, while attending medical school and tending to the needs of a new family. Our membership secretary, Carol Maley, and the treasurer, Stephen Murphy, have continually proven their ability to manage these important areas in an outstanding manner and deserve our congratulations on a job well done. Vice President Mike Henderson has performed admirably in this position, undertaking several projects for me which were time demanding and proved himself very capable as a manager and leader. Each of the society's officers has been extremely helpful to me and their willingness to serve is gratefully acknowledged.

I have been blessed with a partner in life who has permitted me to become totally involved in this organization during the past three years. Her own involvement as a representative of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA) has been very demanding and I must admit we often will go for weeks without our paths crossing. We do manage to join up for the manning of the occasional tent at a games or festival, but these opportunities are often few and far between. I believe we will both relish the opportunity to put our hectic lives aside and settle into a period of simple mediocrity at the end of this next year.

AND, speaking of moving on, we will be having elections at our next AGM in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Elected officers

It has come to our attention that some convenors have and use the postcards that we send out for annual dues for accepting renewal dues at games and otherwise.

When you run out of those postcards the practice for any renewal dues will be to use a "new member" application and write RENEWAL in the space below "Objective and Purposes", and if you have not recently looked, there is a place on the application just below that for PRIOR MEMBER #, which is the number that we would use for renewals. If they do not know the number, we will find it, and in that case a prior address would help tremendously, or even just the states they lived in. Please be sure to have plenty of applications.

We recently received from Dottie, two applications that were sent to her because old forms with her name and address on them had been used. They both had \$10.00 attached.

We had to mail both of them back. The one did join, but we have as yet to hear from the second one.

Sorry to go through this again, but our system has been to send out new forms to the commissioners who copy them and forward to their convenors who then maintain a good copy and photocopy others as needed. This way, there are not large stocks of out-of-date forms. Please do not use old forms.

To close on a great note, congratulations to the Keifers, who just sent us seven new members taking us over 3200 total. Fantastic!

Yours Aye,
Carol Maley



Edward Eugene with his father Melton Henderson in 1916.

Someone, Somewhere Has to Have Melton F. Henderson as an Ancestor and Knows Who His Parents Were

On the front cover of the Summer issue of An Canach are the bracketed words: "Someone, somewhere has to have Joseph Barton Henderson as an ancestor and knows who his parents were."

I hope this elusive Joseph was not my great-grandfather, father of Melton, Blount County, Tennessee, on the 1880 Census. If so, Melton is just as good at hiding as his father.

This is all that I know about Melton F. Henderson

- He married Laura Frances Carter on 24 January 1898 in Knox County, Tennessee.
- My father, Dove (which he changed to Edward Eugene in the second grade) was born 8 October 1898.
- Melton's second son was Phillip born in 2001.
- About 2004 Melton left the family and moved "near Decatur, Alabama where he had relatives."
- In 1916, my father visited him in Decatur. [See picture above.]
- 23 November 1926, my grandmother, Mrs. C.E. Davis, left Knoxville for Alabama, reason unknown. Funeral?
- In Knoxville, in the '30s, my grandmother frequently visited Florence Henderson.
- In the late '40s my parents visited a Mrs. Small who was a Henderson relative in Corinth, Mississippi.
- Melton drove a Knoxville city bus.
- The Melton who died in 1935 in Mobile County Alabama was black.

Dove (Edward Eugene), Mell, and Phillip Henderson. Because of other photos of the boys together, I assumed that Mell was a relative. My father was Dove, who changed his name to Edward Eugene in the second grade. The 1900 census lists him as Dove E. Family lore is that he wanted to have the same name as his best friend in the second grade and adopted Eugene. Perhaps his original name was Dove Edward.

Clues... gossip... and miscellaneous:

A kind 4th cousin once removed (who is NOT computer illiterate) went back a few censuses (censussi?) and found Joseph as Josiah in 1870. Mary A. was his wife in 1870 and 1880. However, Melton F. in 1880 was Milton L. in 1870. In 1860, Josiah was 24 years old and his mother Nancy A. Henderson was head of household. In 1850 it was John Henderson and wife Nancy both born in Virginia. [Wild Hair followup on Nancy at the end.]

Mrs. Small of Corinth, Mississippi, furnished info from a family bible to the vertical files in Knoxville, Tennessee, library in 1923. My notes made in 1976 state that twins George and William lived in Alabama in 1820 and made a deed to brother James Henderson in Blount County. There was no state mentioned, but the wording sounds to me like all three boys lived in Blount County of another state, but only George and William moved to Alabama. Markers in Big Springs Cemetery.

My grandmother's pictures included a childhood picture of my father, uncle and a slightly older "Mell" made about 1906. [See below.] The 1920 census listed a "Mell" Henderson, age 26, in Knox County. He is a blacksmith, his wife Grace is 20.

Family talk referred to Melton's father as Joe. It was said that he was half-Irish and half-Cherokee Query No. 2150 on genforum: "I am looking for any information about Nancy Hawks, a Cherokee, who married an unknown Henderson. They had a daughter Nancy Hawks Henderson. She married Andrew Jackson Sammons. I know they were from Tennessee."

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A Henderson Mystery

David English Henderson

By Judy and Russ Henderson

Our grandchildren had some vacation days from school and we decided to take them to visit Fredericksburg, Virginia and the Fredericksburg (Civil War) Battlefield Visitors Center as well as other places in the town. At the Visitors Center we saw Civil War drawings by David English Henderson. As a Henderson and member of the clan, we were curious about the artist and went home to search the on the internet to see what we could find about him. Nothing came up no matter how we searched. We decided to write to the battle field park historian to ask about the artist, how the pictures were obtained, and where we might locate information about him We didn't find him on any of the Civil War rolls.

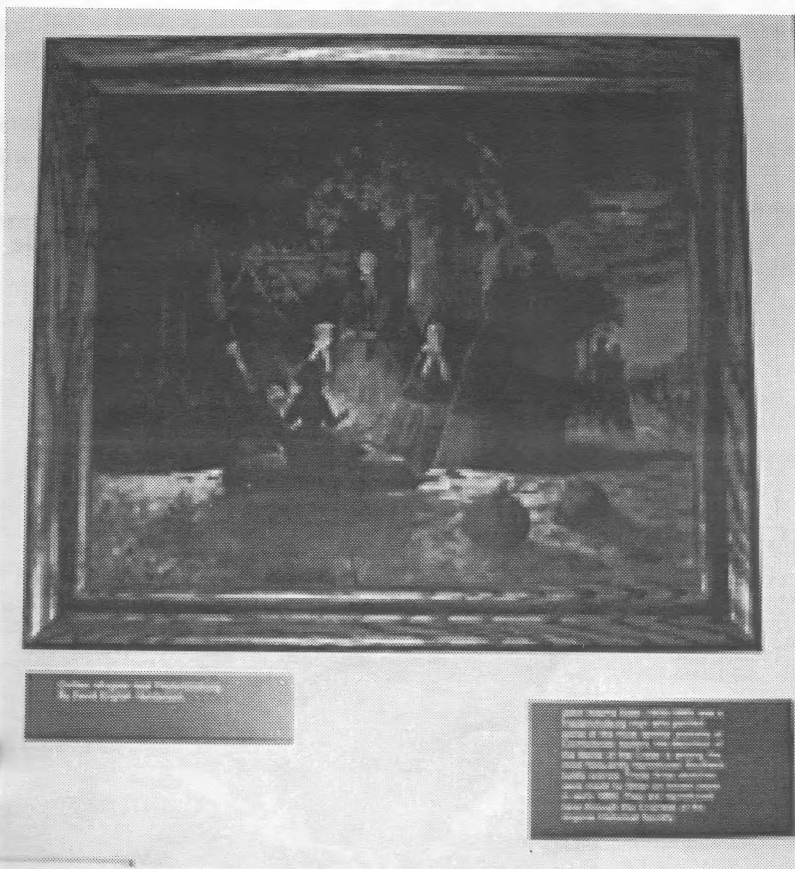
Here is the information we received the next day and we hope someone in the clan will add even more about this artist and fellow Henderson. (David English Henderson is not on the clan database at this time, per Horace.)



From Mac Wyckoff, Park Historian

"David English Henderson was born in 1832 in what is now West Virginia. He was an artist who served as a Confederate map maker during the war. The artwork showing a family in a battered home in Fredericksburg and civilian refugees in Fredericksburg are possibly based upon experiences of his wife's family during the war. After the war he had an art studio in Brooklyn before returning to his native West Virginia. He died in 1877.

Both Works of art were found while cleaning out a basement in Gettysburg National Military Park. They are part of the huge Civil War collection at Gettysburg known as the Rosensteel Collection. [Ed. Note: Check the internet and learn what's (not) happening with this invaluable collection!] At Fredericksburg, we have copies of the originals. You might want to contact Gettysburg National Military Park for additional information they might have and the West Virginia Regional History Collection at West Virginia University."





Henderson ROOTS & TWIGS

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MacEanruig,
"son of Henry"

Imaginary
Ancestors
do not have
Real
Descendants

My article this issue is a visual one from the Shetlands. This 1895 photograph displays a family in which both the surname Henderson and Henry are used.



Old Malcolm Henderson (lower left) and Catherine Mouat are the great grandparents of member Betty Uren of Livonia, Michigan. They immigrated to Detroit in 1872. Malcom Thomas Henry (upper left), her grandfather, was born in the Shetlands. A large family, they are centered today in and around Detroit and used "Henry" in the United States.

Photo: [Front] Great grandfather Malcolm Henderson, Lucelle, great grandmother Catherine Mouat. [Rear] Grandfather Malcolm Thomas Henry and great uncle George.



Church of Scotland in Scousburgh, Shetland Isles, site of 4 February 1869 marriage between Malcolm Henderson and Catherine Mouat.

Mouat & Co. Family store is still open in Scousburgh, Shetland Isles.



Useful Henderson Research Tools Available

By Horace Loftin

My name is Gayle Henderson Hannon. As many of your readers may already know, my parents, Robert H. Henderson and Frances B. Henderson, were tragically killed by a drunk driver on September 22, 2001. My father spent over 40 years researching his family history and helped many others with their lines also. Sometimes, I just go online and read some of the genealogy boards that Dad had been a part of and what others have to say about my special Dad!! It makes me cry, but it makes me very proud to call Robert H. Henderson, My Dad!

One of the main reasons for moving into my parent's home after their accident was because my father owned so many file cabinets filled with family history files. I would not have had the room to put them in the home that we lived in.

I wanted to let others know that I do have the information. I am very slow at what my Dad was so wonderful at—giving others answers on their family history. I am trying, however, to help others with their inquiries with the vast amount of information that my father had obtained. I stand ready to help as best I can with any inquiries anyone may have.

I also have the books available that my dad had published and anyone wanting these can just call or write me.

A special note to those who have been so compassionate in our very sad time. Thank you for all your e-mail, cards and letters. We received many cards and e-mails from many I do not know. But as soon as I saw and recognized the family name or those I had seen in Dad's family history files, I knew that it was from someone very special to my Dad through family research. I especially want to extend a thank you to Horace Loftin, who has helped me so much. I called Horace the morning I found out about my parents. I had never spoken with him, but as soon as I began talking to him, I felt like I had known him all my life and that he was part of our family. I really appreciate Horace's guidance and knowledge. He has been, and continues to be, the one I call on for any questions and help. He is very special.

Dad had always told me he wanted his information to carry on, and I want to let others know that I will do the best I can for him and them. My dad left such a legacy when he left his family history files. They are treasures to all of us!! As Horace recently told me, it's as if I were the custodian of a treasury, and I truly feel I am!!!

Sincerely,

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Descendants of Thomas HENDERSON Jr.

Information on the family below begins in Fairfax [now Loudoun] Virginia, in 1755 and follows to Pittsylvania, Virginia, in the 1760s and 70s. By the late 1770s they are in Wilkes, North Carolina. By 1786 the family is in Laurens, South Carolina. Thomas Henderson died in 1806 in Laurens and Frances d in 1811 in Laurens, South Carolina.

Books available on the Henderson family from me or from Dr Horace Loftin of the Henderson Clan are:

1. Our House of Henderson—Bob's specific Henderson Line \$32.95
2. State Census Books on Hendersons [at right]. Rhode Island 1850 & 60 will be ready shortly.

We have produced (and have others in the works) a series of booklets which contain ALL the Hendersons in 1850, 1860 and/or 1870 Censuses for states of special importance in tracking down those "hidden Hendersons." 1850 is, of course, the first census year in which all family members are listed. The booklets present, county by county, all Hendersons in residence, their birth years, state born in, and occasional notes on individuals and families. All names are indexed and cross-referenced to the county entries.

They also include the identification numbers used by R. H. (Bob) Henderson of Greer, South Carolina, and also those of the Clan Henderson data base for all individuals in our records. You are invited to contact me for genealogies of Hendersons so identified.

I use these constantly in my work as Clan Genealogist, and I believe you will find them excellent research tools.

We also have an outstanding booklet prepared by Clansman B. B. Shuffler, with simple but detailed information on sources for doing Henderson research, emphasis on where to go and what to look for in Scottish records: *Search for Scots*, 32pp, \$10.00

To order, specify the booklets you want and send check made out to "Clan Henderson Society," to Horace Loftin, 218 Greenwood Drive, Panama City FL 32407; phone: (850) 235-2984. Prices include postage.

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Games, Festivals, and Gatherings



**South West Region
Buzz' McEldowney
Commissioner**



**Long's Peak Scottish/Irish
Highland Festival and Games
by Dennis and Pam Young
Convenors**

As we do annually, Clan Henderson members turned out in numbers for the Parade of the Clans and Tartans in downtown Estes Park. The Hendersons had their largest group ever in the parade. The parade is

one of Estes Park's largest, drawing a huge crowd. Observers can be found six-deep on both sides of the streets. Because the Hendersons won the "Best Large Clan" in 2002, the Southwest Commissioner, Buzz McEldowney, was an honored judge in this year's event.

As in years past, the festival continues to grow with over 70,000 in attendance. Participants enjoyed massed bands, jousting and Scottish athletics, Scottish and Irish dance, parades, dogs of the British Isles, the Clan Gathering and much, much, more.

As we enjoyed this great festival and all the varied and fun events, we

reflected on how it all began. Over twelve years ago, former Southwest Regional Commissioner Bob Henderson, and his wife Mary, began convening at games in Northern Colorado on behalf of the Hendersons. We sat and reminisced about the old days and reflected on our meager beginnings. Thanks to the work of our "forefathers," it has evolved into a major event. We all agreed that without the time and tenacity put forth by early members, some of us would not be here to enjoy what it has become. A special thanks goes out to Bob and Mary Henderson for their efforts in making

this event what it is today!

As we do each year, we enjoyed seeing our cousins who regularly stop by the Clan tent to take refuge and to catch up on all the happenings over the past year. Over the years, we have met many wonderful people and made some wonderful friends. We also welcomed five new members to the fold and we look forward to seeing them again next year. Another popular reason for stopping by the Clan tent has become Convenor Dennis Young's homemade Drambuie, which is fast becoming a legend among the cousins and other friends of the Hendersons who stop by for a wee dram.

Henderson Clan Piper, Major John R. Bergquist and members of the El Jefe Shrine Temple Pipes and Drums visited us several times during the festival. We are always honored to have them stop by to play for us. We are certainly the envy of the entire Clan tent row!

Kevin Henderson of Valley Falls, Kansas honored us again this year by coming to Estes Park to compete in the athletic games. Kevin won all the events in his weight class, which is not surprising. Kevin has been competing in Highland Athletic Games since 1996 in a class of athletes that must weigh less than 190 pounds. He is the two-time World Master's Champion (40-49 years of age under 200 pounds). In 2002, he was fourth in the world for all Masters and in 2003; he became the under 190-pound National Champion. We always look forward to seeing Kevin and his lovely wife Lori each year at this event.

We invite you to join us for all the fun in 2004. Listening to the music of the bagpipes as it floats through the Rocky Mountains at 7,500 feet is an experience not to be missed!

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Richmond Highland Games 25-26 October 2003

by Christian Garin

The Richmond Games have always had their own unique flavor; somewhat kind of bittersweet. They are the last of the season for me, and when we all raise our glass for that one last toast, it is not only always a toast to the end of a fun and productive year, but most often also to welcome a nice and well deserved break.

Another peculiar trait of the Richmond Games is that the organizers let you in to set up the tent rather early in the morning, only for you to find yourself still in pitch darkness, a sad reminder of what the next few months have to offer.

This year was no different. I had come in the night before and had spent the night over with friends in the area to cut down on the long early morning drive. I was allowed past the gate at 6:30 A.M, only to guess my way around a new field lay out, finally finding my designated spot and waiting for daylight to appear.

The tent was a long way from being set up when President Rex and Pat Maddox, and Robert and Christi Heston, our COSCA/Clan Graham neighbors for the weekend, showed up. They (Pat, Christi and Bob) would stay very busy for the entire duration of the Games, while Rex would be his gracious self at the Henderson tent.

This year's games were well organized, with 58 clans and societies in attendance and plenty of entertainment, including my two favorite Celtic rock bands, the Glengarry Bboys (no typo here) on Saturday, and Seven Nations on Sunday. There also were lots of vendors and we had a good view of the athletic activities.

This year layout was one of the best in recent years. The weather cooperated, though it could not help dropping a shower towards the end on Sunday, enough to go through the misery of packing up wet gear. But all

in all, it was a fun event and a good way to finish the field year. Not too long after the Games had officially opened, Leon Hicks, his wife Ann and son Greg arrived with enough food to feed a whole army, complementing the already well-stocked Henderson "kitchen."

The rest of the day proved to be a constant flow of visitors and more cousins to help with the tent than I had seen in a long time; these included Tim Clont, Tony Henderson, and Richard and Mary Bartlett (and did I mention more food and beverages than the Virginia ABC laws restrain me from describing?). That afternoon, for the first time for me in three years of local games, we had enough cousins under the tent to follow Greg Hicks to the tune of his pipes for a Henderson Walkabout; what a treat! Thank you Greg and all. Enough help remained for the rest of the afternoon for me to enjoy some time out under the main pub tent and visit with friends.

Sunday was also a nice day with many cousins visiting and more returning to help. By the end of the week end, we had been visited by many existing members and had the pleasure to welcome new ones, to include Susan Henderson Cervantes and husband Alfonso, Robert and Maria McKendry, Ross Greving, Roger and Margaret Kendrick, Danny and Linda Henderson and family, Robert Henderson and family, Joseph and Joany Flynn, Brad and Thomas Henderson, and Merrill White. The Richmond Games will move to a new location next year. We will be there.

Williamsburg Scottish Festival 27 September 2003

by Laura Henderson
Convenor

A fine, cool mist coated our windshield Saturday morning as my husband, my dog and I rattled up the crushed gravel road to the Williamsburg Winery for the annual Williamsburg Scottish Festival. The sky was overcast and I hoped that the "Scottish" weather would hold and we'd feel transplanted in space and time back to ye old country. My sun-loving Polish husband, however, felt no such nostalgia, and grumbled over the

gloom.

Despite the crisp dampness and the gray sky, there was no denying where we were - in the wake of a storm. The usually pristine landscape of historic Williamsburg was littered with uprooted trees and splintered trunks, recent damage from Hurricane Isabel. Piles of brush and debris lined the curbs of quaint colonial-era neighborhoods, fences were broken, shingles and siding were stripped from homes, and awnings hung in tatters. Power is not fully restored in eastern Virginia even at the time of this writing, and there had been rumors that the games would be cancelled, but despite soggy conditions on the fields, the games went on as planned.

Although we met with an early delay due to a convener's vehicle becoming mired in mud (and thus everyone behind them becoming mired in traffic), we arrived around 8am to help Christian Garin finish the set-up of the tent. Afterwards, I donned my Scottish togs and we waited for the guests to start rolling in around 9am. The day started out slow, the games opened a tad late, and soon the sun began to peek out from behind the clouds (shattering my last little illusions that I really *could* be in Scotland).

Clan McNicol was the honored clan at the event this year. They were represented by Dr. A. Murray Nicolson, who spoke at the opening ceremony and, accompanied by his wife, paid a visit to each clan tent to greet other conveners. Nice people, those Nicolsens. One of their number stopped by later to chat with Christian and spotted our picture of Fordell castle. As we were on the topic of castles, he mentioned that his father had bought one in Scotland and (you are going to love this) *it came with a title!* How cool is THAT?!

I want a castle in Scotland with a title! I am putting it on my list.

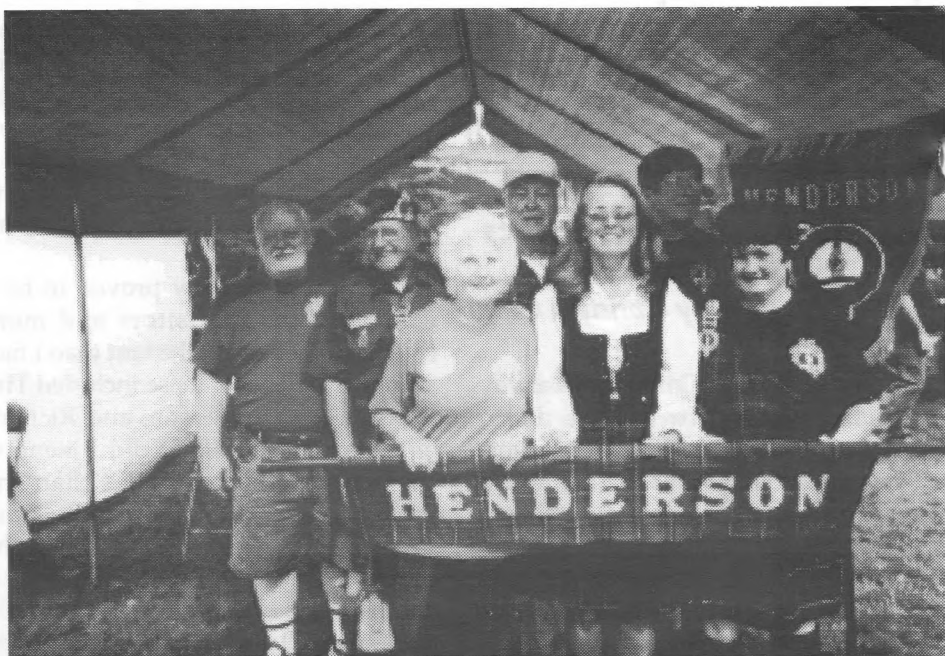
Around noon Christian broke out the traditional Henderson lunch fare of smoked salmon and champagne and I topped it off with Walker's shortbread, but it was Richard and Mary Bartlett's fine bottle of Scotch, served with flair I might add, that I believe drew the greatest appreciation. For some reason that I cannot quite put my finger on, things really loosened up after lunch.

As the weather "improved," crowds began to increase and more members and guests dropped by to say hello. We were delighted to welcome new members Darrell and Delia Henderson, on vacation from Peebles, Ohio. Delia is sure to be an asset to the Clan as she is very involved in genealogy. Another festival visitor with the surname Henderson was startled to discover that the name was not German, as she had always believed. I guess you learn something new every time you go to a Scottish festival! Dudley Lewis, Haskel Henderson and Anita Murris, Olen Lewis, and Connie Gibas called on us throughout the afternoon. Jeff and Carolyn Jarrell and family stopped by, and the dog enjoyed the lavish attention (and practiced ear-scratching) of their three well-mannered children.

The dog herself, however, was not so well mannered. Later in the day, for no apparent reason and to my everlasting humiliation, she suddenly leapt from my lap in a snarling frenzy and attacked a perfectly inoffensive Sheltie who was passing by with its owners. My husband had to pull her away because I was in shock, staring at a bizarrely swelling wound on my finger, the result of her leash having slid across it at about 11,000 miles per hour. Dog, I must confess, does not play well with others and had to spend the next hour in disgrace in her crate. Furthermore, my fingers do not fare well at these games (see the great tent-pinching incident from the Alexandria Scottish Festival report).

At 1:30 P.M. it was time for the Parade of Clans, and I was particularly pleased with the enthusiasm (and volume) with which we delivered our rally cry. We all settled on bellowing "HENDERSON!!!" as opposed to a timid and muddled delivery of "*Sola Virtus Nobilitat*". I don't think any other clan came close to our performance (but I could be biased).

As the day wound down, we began to break camp and pack up. I had hoped to drive down to the James River just to watch the sunset sparkling on the water, a perfect end to a perfect day, la la la, but by the time the three of us had packed up Christian's truck, rounded up the dog, and hit the road, I didn't give two hoots about the river any more. We bid adieu to the cradle of the nation until next year. Adieu. Aye.



Stalwarts in the Henderson tent in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, were Greg Schwartz, Rex Maddox, Charlotte Henderson, Allen Henderson, Kathy Joyce, Bill Henderson, and Carol Maley.

Celtic Classic Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 27-28 September 2003 by Bill Henderson

President Rex and Pat Maddox, membership secretary Carol Maley, and Greg Schwartz joined

us at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, for both days of this event. Pat's COSCA table was a great attraction and kept the Henderson booth hopping. Allen and Charlotte Henderson and their daughter Kathryn Joyce marched with us in the tartan parade on Saturday. Ed Brett competed both days in drum major competition.



Drum Major competition in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Late on Saturday, storms dictated an early departure—the rain ended just in time for a successful day on Sunday.

The time spent with Rex and Pat was fun and informative—it was great watching the “Masters” work the crowd. We signed up Dineen Wilson, a new member from Nazareth, Pennsylvania.



Scottish Heritage Festival Holmdel, New Jersey 5 October 2003

by Bill Henderson

The Scottish Heritage Festival in Holmdel, New Jersey, had previously fallen on the same weekend as Bethlehem. This year it took place a week later allowing us to spend two days in Bethlehem.

Holmdel is a smaller one-day event. We had a cool, breezy, cloudy, but dry day. Madilyn Henderson-Stevens and her husband Randy, and Ed Brett marched with us in the tartan parade. Several area Hendersons stopped by to visit our tent.



Photo opportunity for Drum Major Ed Brett between competitions at the Celtic Classic in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 27-28 September 2003. Consider what you missed—when was the last time you saw a Henderson in Drum Major Competition?

From Those of Us Who Bring You An Canach —and Other Mailed Items

Uncle Sam's post office is once again clamping down on addresses. Everyone has a zip + four code—I know many of you do not generally use yours because your local post office doesn't care whether you do or not—but now MERLIN does.

MERLIN (Mail Evaluation, Readability, Lookup Instrument) is on the job, looking at the mail we send you by automated bulk-mail means. We are back in school and we really don't want the kind of grade our database might receive.

There are several reasons why we cannot help ourselves without a lot of work—unless we share the load. Please contact Carol Maley, wish her a happy New Year and then provide your +four numbers.

Even with other address reading and evaluating programs, the addresses might have been updated, but the clan database never got the world. The easiest way that we can upgrade is for each of us to make contact Carol to ensure that the database is up-to-date. You might also let her know who your spouse is and verify your dues status.

I know, your information is completely correct—not. New Year Resolution for 2004, make the call now. [Carol's contact info is on pages 2 and 23.]

Ed Note:

Kathleen Crooks Writes

Kathleen Crooks writes from Sierra Vista, Arizona, that she and her husband, Bob, attended a performance at Cochise College and were surprised when reading the program that internationally acclaimed Celtic bard Gareth MacKenzie who was presenting a program of storytelling and music, they found that “according to Russell L. Henderson, . . . MacKenzie ‘brings to life the ancient legends of the colorful clan harpers and traveling bards throughout the Celtic lands.’”

As she noted, it is a small world. Gareth MacKenzie had added to the success of the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair in the early days when I was involved with guiding that activity.

I wish Gareth well and hope that you will attend a performance if one is held in your area. Thanks for the letter, Kathleen.

Great Lakes Region
Douglas Henderson
Commissioner



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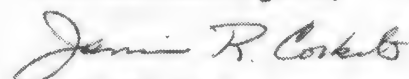
October 6, 2003

Clan Henderson Society
Douglas W. Henderson, Commissioner
3740 West 179 St.
Cleveland, OH 44111

Dear Doug Henderson,

On behalf of the board members of Midwest Highland Dance Association, I would like to graciously thank you for the donation. Our board voted to apply the donation to the Beginners 7&8 Trophy at our fall competition. The trophy was engraved with "Clan Henderson". As you know, with the support of its member and friends, MWHDA is better able to recognize the accomplishments of its dancers. We greatly appreciate your generosity. Wishing you continued success.

With warmest regards,


Janine Corbets,
President MWHDA

Clan Henderson Memorabilia

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Tees									
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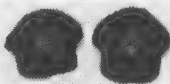
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Blue	XXL	\$18.00	Green	XXL	\$18.00
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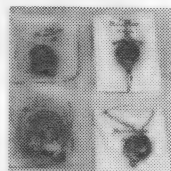
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Decal

Inside	\$1.50	Outside	\$1.50
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Kilt Pins	\$12.00
Lapel Pins	\$10.00
Badges	\$12.00
Pendants	\$10.00
Clan Tags	\$ 6.00
Tote Bags	\$10.00



ITEMS	SELL	QUANTITY	PRICE
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CAP, GRN GOLF	\$6.00		
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DECAL, OUTS.	\$1.50		
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LAPEL PIN	\$10.00		
CLAN TAG	\$6.00		
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CLAN HENDERSON GOODS AND MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

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Prattville, AL 36067
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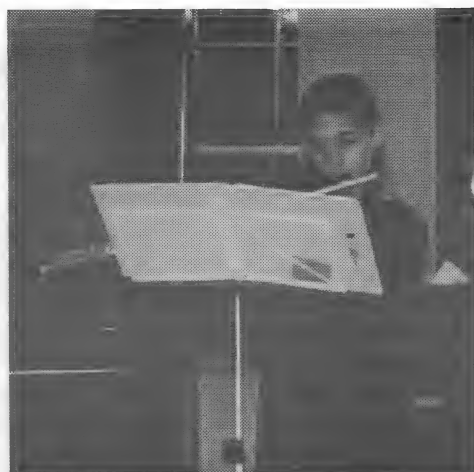
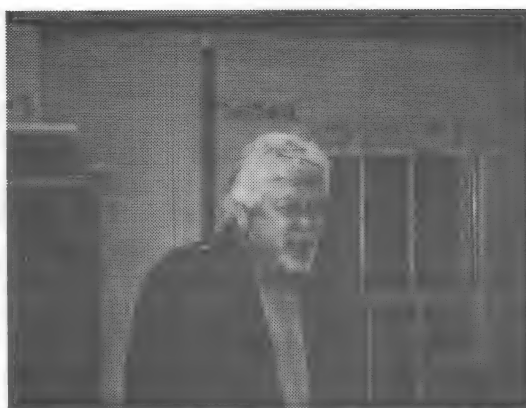
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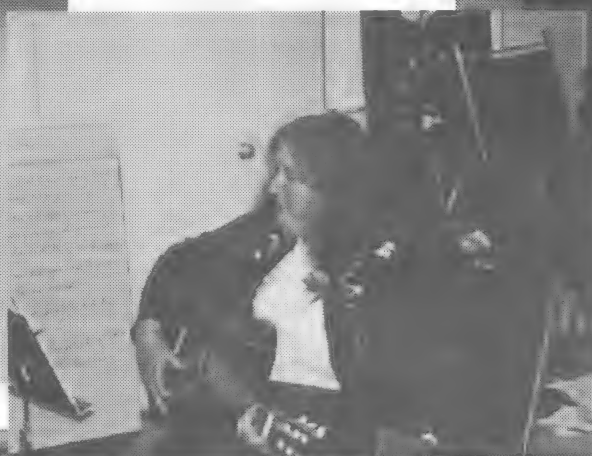
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Make Check to Clan Henderson Society

Shipping charges are extra, and depend on area and method of shipment. To be paid to Warren after goods are received.



Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk 2003



The Ceilidh

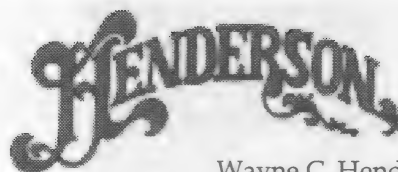
Poetry
Songs
Dance
Piping
Flute Playing
Tartan Christening
& The Gathering





Our thanks to Leon and Christian for putting the event together once again. The Walk was actually a success, given the snow that never really was a problem. We also appreciate our kin who turned out with spirit(s) and great food. And who could not appreciate the performances provided by our kin. What a thrill to have the clan piper play for your birthday. All in all a great time was had by the Hendersons!





www.waynehenderson.org

Wayne C. Henderson
Music Festival & Guitar Competition

Wayne C. Henderson from his Web site where more information can found on the festival.

Each year, since the festival began in 1995, a percentage of profits has been set aside to fund scholarships to "aid young, local, traditional musicians in continuing their music exploration and education."

Held at Grayson Highlands State Park, the Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival and Guitar Competition features some of the region's best musicians. The event takes its name from National Heritage Award recipient Wayne C. Henderson, a musician and instrument maker who lives in nearby Rugby, Virginia. Henderson's top-notch finger-picking is a source of great pleasure and pride to his friends, family, and neighbors in Grayson County, Virginia; his guitar playing has also been enjoyed at Carnegie Hall, in three national tours of "Masters of the Steel-String Guitar", and in seven nations in Asia.

Wayne and many of his musical friends are featured performers at the festival, and bluegrass and old-time music dominate the musical fare.



Tattoo Fact File

from the Bagpiper Vol. 11, Issue 5, January 2003
The Sun City Scots Newsletter

1. The first Edinburgh Tattoo took place in 1950. There were eight items in the program.
2. More than 10 million people have attended the Tattoo. The annual audience is 200,000.
3. Around 100 million people see the Tattoo each year on international television.
4. Approximately seventy percent of each audience is from outside Scotland, half of these are from overseas.
5. The average number of participants is 800.
6. The first stand was erected in 1951.
7. The present stands are made up from more than 10,000 meters of steel tubing. Some 20,000 nuts and bolts are used.
8. Around 35 miles of cabling (the distance from Edinburgh to Glasgow) is required.
9. The event was first seen in color on TV in 1968.
10. From 1950 to 1991, there were three producers—Brigadier MacLean, Brigadier Sanderson, and Lt.Col. Dow.
11. Major Michael Parker then took over as producer for the 1992–1994 Tattoos. Brigadier Melville Jameson succeeded him in 1995.
12. The first overseas regiment to participate was the Band of the Royal Netherlands Grenadiers. The year was 1955, and there were also performers from Canada and France. Thirty countries have been represented at the Tattoo.
13. The first lone piper was Pipe Major George Stoddart. He played in every performance for the first eleven years.
14. One woman has featured as the lone piper. Officer Cadet Elaine Marnoch appeared in 1977.
15. Not a single performance of the Tattoo has ever been canceled.
16. The colors of the original Tattoo tartan are navy blue (for the Navy), red (for the Army), sky blue (for the RAF), and black and white (for the city of Edinburgh). It was officially approved in 1983.
17. A new tartan—the Edinburgh Military Tattoo Jubilee tartan—has been produced to mark both the Tattoo's 50th show and Golden Anniversary.
18. The Tattoo has always been staged at Edinburgh Castle. Rehearsals take place at Redford Barracks in Edinburgh.
19. The Tattoo is set up and run for charitable purposes. Over the years, it has given some £4 million to service and civilian organizations. At the last official count, visitors to the Tattoo contributed an estimated £72 million annually to the Scottish economy.
20. The word 'tattoo' comes from the closing time cry in the inns of the Low Countries during the seventh and eighteenth centuries—Doe den tap toa (turn off the taps).



From the Vice President's Desk

by J. Michael Henderson

As I near the end of my first year as vice president of Clan Henderson of the United States, I thought I would take this opportunity to update you on a few things we have been working on over the past eight to ten months.

I am sure you are aware that clan membership dues were raised at last year's AGM from \$10 to \$15 per year. The extra five dollars was earmarked to go back to the individual regions to be used to help defray the costs of convening the Henderson tent at the multitude of Scottish/Celtic events held throughout the United States.

My first task was to work with the clan treasurer, Stephen Murphy, and regional commissioners to develop a process by which convenors can be reimbursed for some of the costs they incur while doing the important work of representing Clan Henderson at these events. Steve went through the list of active members that membership secretary Carol Maley diligently maintains and came up with a dollar amount available to each region based on the number of active members in the region times \$5. This amount was then passed on to each of the regional commissioners so that they can manage their region's funds. A copy of the reimbursement form designed for this purpose was forwarded to each of the commissioners, and they will provide a copy to any convenor who requests one. I can also be contacted for a copy if your commissioner is unable to provide one for you. It is hoped that members who have an interest in convening, but didn't volunteer due to the cost of renting a tent space and related expenses will now step forward and represent the clan at an event in their area. The form directs the member to send the form to me along with supporting documents and a copy of the activity report for the event. I will coordinate with the regional commissioner for his/her approval of appropriate expenses such as space rental, table and chair rental and admission costs. I will forward the approved form on to the treasurer who will send a check to the individual and debit the regional account. For those convenors who choose to cover the costs of convening themselves, thank you for your generosity. Regional funds not used in the current year will carry forward for use in subsequent years.

The second subject I wanted to share with you is the establishment of an official Clan Henderson of the United States website. When tasked by President Rex Maddox to get someone to set up an official website, I started searching the internet to check out

some of the websites that already existed for Clan Henderson. I contacted David Henderson, webmaster of one of these websites and asked if he would be interested in updating and enhancing his website and take on the position of Clan Webmaster. Despite being newly married and taking a heavy load of classes in the medical field, David readily agreed to take on the challenge and has done a superb job of getting the website updated, renamed, and registered. The official name is *ClanHendersonUSA.org* and I think if you check it out, you will like what you see. David welcomes comments and suggestions to improve our website, and in time we anticipate having a number of web assistants to help keep our information current and develop features of interest to clan members and other web surfers. I apologize to anyone else who had developed websites of interest to Clan Henderson for not using your website and hope that you will share your ideas and talents with David to make ours the best clan website on the internet.

Yours aye,

Mike



Flowers of the Forest

Harry B. Henderson, Jr. 1914-2003 died in Croton on Hudson NY on Labor Day, 2003. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. Best known for co-authoring books on the history of African American art with painter and collagist Romare Bearden, he passed shortly after submitting his last manuscript for publication. He was born and raised in Kittanning, in western Pennsylvania. His wife, Beatrice [nee Conford], a son, Harry B. III, a brother, Frank, and a sister, Martha, predeceased him. His sister, Mary Elizabeth Scahill, lives in Kittanning, Pa. His other sons are Albert of Milford CT And Joseph of New York City. He has three grandsons: Christopher, Andrew, and Theodore.



Accounts of the Indian Creek Massacre Which Mentions Singleton J. Henderson on Several Occasions and Given to Me by Jim Andrews

1126 East Capitol St.
Washington, DC
January 28, 1909

Dear Henry and Louise;

I have been trying ever since the holidays ended to make suitable acknowledgment of the receipt of many Christmas and New Years greetings. I wanted to do more than simply send you a card with Christmas and New Years greetings. I wanted to send you an interesting souvenir post card, one of great interest to me, and I trust will be to you, and I desire to give you a little bit of family history connected with the post card. You will find on the card enclosed, a good picture of your Uncle John W. Henderson, now over on the other shore, and also one of your Uncle Tom. Your Uncle John stands on one side of a monument erected by the state of Illinois in the memory of fifteen persons, who were massacred by the Indians on May 20th 1832, and among the number was Robert Norris (a hired man of your grandfather, William H. Henderson), whom I remember very well. Your Uncle John [John Wimberly Henderson, oldest son of Col. William H. Henderson] has his left hand on the monument, and your Uncle Tom [Thomas J., son of Col. William H. Henderson] has his right hand on it.

It was an interesting day, especially to your Uncle John, who was invited with me to be present on the occasion. We left Princeton at seven o'clock in the morning and arrived on Indian Creek at half past nine o'clock, having traveled forty-five miles by automobile over as beautiful a country as any man ever saw. We arrived before much of the crowd had assembled. Your Uncle John enjoyed the day very much, although he was very feeble. Of all the five thousand people estimated to be present, he was undoubtedly the only one there who lived in the Indian Creek settlement at the time of the massacre, and he was only about thirteen years old, less than thirteen by about two months.

After all the ceremonies of unveiling and dedication were over, we went to the Harding Cemetery and visited the graves of our uncle John Henderson and Aunt Elizabeth Henderson, Uncle John having been buried there in 1846. Then about half past four o'clock we started on our return to Princeton and arrived at my home at about seven o'clock after a day to be remembered.

Your Uncle John said, as we were about arriving at the monument, "I wonder what Old Shabbona (the old Pottowattamie Chief who warned our relatives to seek safety) would think if he were alive, to see us coming up in an automobile."

And now for the bit of family history which your Uncle Tom must make as brief as possible. I do not know, Henry,

but you may have heard the story, but I will repeat it. In the spring of 1831, your grandfather Henderson and your uncle, or your great Uncle Charles Howard, a brother of your Grandmother Henderson made a journey from Brownsville, Tennessee, where your Uncle Tom was born, to the state of Illinois, for the purpose of selecting, somewhere in northern Illinois, a suitable location, where all of our relatives, both on my father's and mother's side could settle in the same neighborhood in a free state where slavery did not exist. They came to Illinois on horseback, crossing the Ohio River at Wilcox's Ferry, and went as far north as Chicago, which they thought was too flat and too low and swampy. They traveled back to Fox River and followed down the Fox River valley, until they reached Indian Creek, a tributary of Fox River, then a beautiful stream of water, and finding on it beautiful prairie land and fine timber land, they determined and to locate there and returned immediately to Tennessee. My grandfather [John Henderson, father of Col. William H. Henderson] and grandmother Henderson, my Uncle John H. Henderson and his family; and Uncle Allen Howard and his family, with whom my brother John and Robert Norris, the hired man I have referred to, went along to assist Uncle Allen in preparing a home and in improving a farm for my father, who had property to dispose of and business matters to settle before he could move his family; Uncle Stephen Howard and his family; Uncle Rollins Henderson and his family; all started as soon as they could get ready for the new settlement in Illinois on Indian Creek of Fox River. It seems they did not all start at the same time, and did not at least travel together. But Grandfather Henderson and Grandmother Henderson, Uncle John H. Henderson and his family, and Uncle Singleton J. Henderson must have arrived on Indian Creek at the new settlement in the fall or early winter of 1831. Uncle Allen Howard and his family and your Uncle John and Mr. Norris, whom I well remember and who accompanied Uncle Allen and his family, were overtaken by cold weather and stopped on the Sangamon River a few miles from Springfield, Illinois, until early in the spring when they went on and joined the other relatives who had preceded them. All went to work building homes and improving the land upon which they had entered and were hoping to live in peace and prosperity. But they were doomed to a sad disappointment.

There was an Indian village at Pawpaw Grove on Indian Creek above there, and there were, as I remember, three other families who had settled in the same neighborhood: The Davis family, the Hall family, and the Pettegrew family. Davis had built a dam across the creek, and had either built or was building a mill on the creek, which prevented the fish from getting above the dam, and the Indians did not like it. But still they continued to come to the mill and fish below the dam, and more or less of them were seen every day at the

mill, until a certain time, when they stopped coming and no Indians were seen at the mill. Grandfather Henderson who was an old man and prudent, and who knew something of the Indian character, became alarmed and he told Mr. Davis that he and Uncle John Henderson and another uncle whom I do not remember, had better go up to the village and see what the Indians were doing. So at an early hour they started the next morning and when they reached the Indian village at Pawpaw Grove, the village was abandoned. Not an Indian was to be seen, man, woman, or child, all were gone and they could find no trace of them. They took and followed an Indian trail across the country to a stream called Somanauk. It was getting late and they were then a considerable distance from the settlement, and getting no trace or information as to the Indians, they started on their return home, and in the meantime, having been gone no long a time, and hearing of some trouble with the Indians below the settlement on the creek near Fox River, grandfather induced not only all our relatives, but also the other families in the neighborhood, to start to Ottawa, some ten or twelve miles distant—maybe more—where there was a fort, for safety. When Mr. Davis and my uncles got back to the settlement late in the night, they found it abandoned. They were satisfied that all the neighborhood had got frightened and had gone to Ottawa and Mr. Davis was very angry about it and swore he was not afraid, and would sleep in his own cabin that night, and did so, but my uncles went on to Ottawa where they found all our relatives.

The next morning early, Davis started to Ottawa, overtook the Hall family and the Pettegrew family, who had not reached Ottawa the night before and persuaded them that there was no danger, and turned them back. He found his own family in the fort and took them back and tried to persuade Grandfather Henderson to have our relatives go back. Great Grandfather said they, at least the women and children should stay in a place of safety until the trouble was over. The men, he said, might go up and work in the fields in the daytime and return to the fort at night. And this they did for a few days, I do not know how long—not very long I think—until the twentieth day of May, when Shabbona, a Pottowattamie chief and friend of the white man came to the field in which uncle Allen Howard and his son Albert, Uncle John Henderson and a young man by the name of Hall, were at work planting corn, and he told them if they wanted to save their lives they must go to the fort at Ottawa as soon as possible. He told them that sixty armed warriors were on the warpath and would be at the settlement within an hour and they must flee for safety. They did not know what to do, or how much to rely on what he said, and told him they ought not to go off and leave their friends and neighbors to be murdered without an effort to save their lives. But Shabbona said—“these Indians are all well armed and you can do your friends no good. If you attempt to help them you will only lose your own lives.” And he finally got them started. Uncle Singleton broke for the timber on Indian Creek and ran down under its cover to Fox River, and down it to Ottawa, and being young and athletic was the first to reach the fort. The rest of those in the field ran across the prairie and reached the fort in safety.

Robert Norris, my father's hired man, unfortunately for him, exchanged work in the morning with young Hall, who went to the field to help plant corn. And Norris who was a strongman went to the blacksmith shop to help do some heavy blacksmithing, and thereby lost his life. He evidently, when the Indians commenced firing, seized his gun, and ran to the door of the blacksmith shop, and was shot down with his gun still grasped in his hand. All the Davis family were killed, all the Pettegrew family were also killed, and all the Hill family were killed, but two daughters who were taken prisoners, and two sons, one at work in Norris's place in the field, and another, who, when the firing commenced, jumped down the bank running down the creek, made his escape. None of our relatives or Tennessee people were massacred except Robert Norris. And yet, my Uncle Stephen Howard, and my cousin Eliza Howard, a daughter of Uncle Allen Howard, came up in a carry-all for some bedding needed at the fort, and left the settlement about an hour before the massacre occurred.

There were, including Robert Norris, fifteen persons massacred, and all were buried in one common grave.

This story I have written entirely from memory, as it was told to me, by my Uncle John Henderson, nearly seventy years ago when he took me over the ground where the massacre occurred, and to the grave, where those massacred were buried.

He helped to bury them the next day after the massacre. This massacre broke up the settlement of our relatives on Indian Creek, in LaSalle County, Illinois. Grandfather and Grandmother Henderson went back to Brownsville, Tennessee, and lived and died there. Uncle Stephen Howard and his family returned to Tennessee, as did Uncle Singleton Henderson.

Uncle Rollins Henderson never came further north than Union County, Illinois. Uncle Allen Howard and his family went back in Johnson County, Illinois, and lived and died there. Uncle John Henderson and his family went down to Sangamon County, Illinois, and lived there a year or two, then returned to Indian Creek, to his former home, and lived and died there.

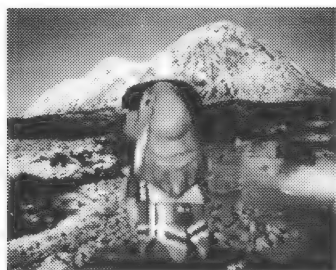
So you see, dear Henry and Louise, the unveiling and dedication of the monument, erected by the state of Illinois, and dedication to Shabbona, was a very interesting to your Uncle John and to me. Both he and I delivered short addresses on the occasion, and in taking the photograph from which this souvenir post card was made, it seems in Germany—we were requested to take the positions we did, one on each side of the monument, and each with a hand upon it.

The old monument you see upon the post card was erected by William Munson who married one of the Hall girls, who was taken a prisoner by the Indians. I have seen and talked with both of the Hall girls who were taken prisoners.

With much love, I am, ever,

Your affectionate Uncle,

Thomas J. Henderson



Maclan is Gathering the Clan

He's looking forward to seeing you at these events

Some events were not firm on dates or places. Contact the regional commissioner to ensure the planned event will take place as shown.

President Rex has been working on his planned travel for 2004 and have come up with the following as a tentative schedule. Some of the events he expects to convene are some of those which we have never attended. Rex would appreciate it if Commissioners would take a good, hard look at the proposed Games and Festivals to see if they can't expand their attendance next year to include the ones listed here. It is an aggressive schedule, but there are many events we need to attend so we can "show the colors" and let our cousins know we are there.

Commissioner or Convenor, please review these places and dates and advise Rex if there are any which are incorrect.



Rex is attending these events to gather the clan in your area, please show up to show your support of his effort to meet all Hendersons. Wait a minute, lets consider that statement. Do you have a family member who could attend the event with you, or in your place—doesn't matter if they are members yet or not—start now planning to attend one of these or another clan gathering.

OK, there is more to the 2004 list of gatherings than these, but they haven't been reported to

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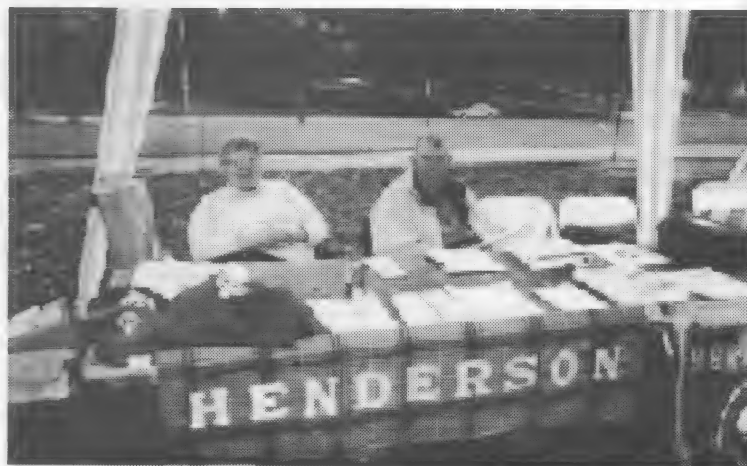
The only Games that we are aware of in the next three months—other than the ones Rex will attend—is:

2/21-22 Arizona Games, Mesa, AZ

Midwest Hospitality. Clan members Karen and Bob Henderson of Hamilton, Kansas, helped to meet and greet visitors at the Third Annual St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival last October.

President Rex Maddox's Planned Itinerary for 2004

2/28	Jacksonville, FL	6/25-27	Gillette, WY (convene)
3/5-6	Pembroke Pines (Miami, FL)	7/10-11	Athena, OR (convene)
3/13-14	Panama City, FL	7/17	Flagstaff, AZ (convene)
4/4	Washington, DC (Tartan Day)	7/23-25	Alexandria, VA
4/10	Kansas City, MO	8/7	Detroit, MI
4/16-18	Odessa, TX (Convene)	8/14	Syracuse, NY
4/23-25	Henderson, NV (Convene-Honored Clan)	8/21	Brunswick, ME
5/1-2	Ellis, KS (Th' Gatherin - convene?)	8/28-29	Long Island, NY
5/8-9	Kiowa, CO (convene?)	9/24-26	McPherson, KS
5/15-16	Houston, TX (convene?)	10/2	Murfreesboro, TN
5/22-23	Albuquerque, NM (convene)	10/9	Anne Arundel, MD
5/29-30	Alma, MI	10/13-19	Stone Mountain, GA (AGM)
6/3-6	Glasgow, KY	10/22-24	Richmond, VA
6/19	Miles City, MT (convene)	10/30	Waxhaw, NC
		12/4	Alexandria, VA Xmas Walk



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I wrote earlier in the year about what chaplains do, particularly those who have assignments with institutions, governmental agencies, and with organizations like the Clan Henderson Society. A chaplain is normally to maintain lines of communication with the people, and be available for services of divine worship. I do enjoy the duty of writing articles for *An Canach* as it develops my own skill at teaching dimensions of religious belief and activity within the Society. I continue to be available for answering e-mails or ground mail from any who wish to ask questions or challenge my thoughts. Finally, I make the attempt to send notes of sympathy to all families of Clan Henderson members where a death has occurred and I have been made aware of it.

In this issue I'd like to comment on the general topic of RELIGION itself. It stems from both my religious training and my social science training. Again, it is not aimed at, or promotes, any specific religious group, since there are so many groups represented by Hendersons. I do, however, have a bias, namely the religious heritage of Scotland itself, with elements of Celtic Spirituality, the Reformation theology of the Kirk of Scotland, and the history of that mixture.

RELIGION, and the study of it, is based deeply in the human soul, in all times and cultures. While important in the individual conscience for answering questions about natural events, religion is still mostly a social, or community, enterprise. People live together in groups and need to know what their neighbor is thinking and feeling. So they commiserate about what they believe and act out ritually. Their languages, too, play a very important part in the process.

Groups, and societies, and organizations see the world through a special lens known as their "world-view." The natural world is only part of it, as people also make decisions about sacred power. Sacred power is generally known as "God" for English-speaking people. But other people throughout the

world conceive of a number of deities, or divine beings, or "spirits." And, they pass on that worldview to the next generation, at least when the next generation is willing to listen without too much rebellion.

I look at my own heritage. It's Germanic on my mother's side. My father's side is nearly all English (probably Norman) with Scotch-Irish blood in there. Linguistically I'm English, and religious-wise I have inherited the Scottish Presbyterian form of Christianity. I feel secure, then, in that "world-view," part of which goes back to First Century Palestine and the person of Jesus known as the Christ.

So, I challenge you to consider the elements of your own "world-view." Perhaps you are pure Highland Scottish, with a strong Celtic, maybe Roman Catholic, ancestry. Or, you may be of more southern Scottish blood and a descendant of the Presbyterian Covenanters. Or, you may be a mixture, or even of Asian, Eastern European, Native American, or African stock. Your religious background could be even more diverse, of any Christian, Judaic, Islamic, Spiritualist, or Unitarian branch. It's a fascinating study, and considering it seriously gives us a feeling of true heritage in the world community.

See you at the 2004 games.

Fred Sanford



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The Wee Laddie below stumped everyone including my own mother who probably took the picture in the early 1950s.



When I was home from boarding school, my mother often dressed me in a kilt to serve at her dinner parties. Editor Russ.



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A Toast to the Land We Came From

Been frettin' and worryin' about this Burn's roast.
Since I was asked to mak' a wee toast.
"Toast to the Land We Came from," twas said.
But which country bounced 'round in my head.

I know he thought Scotland, no problem at all,
but my path must come from a crystal ball.
The problem I have is my greatest oldster,
Said that our place was North Ireland — Ulster.

I've studied and written but I still can't find
Burn's Border Country in aught but my mind.
The Highlands and Islands should inspire our toast.
So it's hard for me, when I can't see the coast.

I'll not keep you waitin' while I lament my lost trail
For now 'tis important to get on with the meal.
So lift your glasses, give a toast with great cheer,
To the land of the heritage we all hold so dear.

A Toast, "To the Auld Country!"

My Toasts for a Burns' Night

Russell L. Henderson

A Toast To The Land We Live In

We have come to this place from out of the past
May our youth understand that the present won't last.
In our Scottish heritage, we have roots secure
And in America, our families have found their future.

Its beautiful sky, the bountiful sea,
The mountains, the lakes, the vast prairie.
We can hear a brogue, a twang, a Southern drawl —
The cities, the farms, we love them all.

In building the railroads, working the mines,
Automation, medicine, communication long lines,
We've created this nation, we're a part of its core
A Toast, "To this land that we live in, love
and would die for!"



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